

Interim Photography Permit Application Requirements
National Marine Fisheries Service

An original signed by the applicant and two copies of the completed, signed application for a photography permit must be submitted to:

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Office of Protected Resources
NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 713-2289

The application must include the following information:

1. The date of the application.
2. The identity and qualifications of the applicant and any other persons to be directly involved in the taking. An address and phone number for the applicant is required. Describe the qualifications and experience of the principal photographers, consultants with experience with marine mammals, and their designated assistants relative to the aspects of the activities proposed to be conducted by these individuals. Curriculum vitae or resumes for each individual to be authorized for photographic activities should be provided, including a list of accomplishments and experience relevant to the proposed activity.
3. The species of stocks of marine mammals which may be harassed. The description must include the species name (common and scientific names) and number of each to be taken. A summary of the best available information concerning the status of the affected species or stock(s) and factors known to be affecting their status. Some of this information can be found in the on-line NMFS stock assessment reports at:
http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/PR2/Stock_Assessment_Program/sars.html
4. The geographic area(s) in which the photography will be conducted.
5. The time periods over which the photography will be conducted, including field seasons if that is appropriate, and also the duration of the larger photography project.
6. The rationale and objectives for such activity, and the type of photography to be conducted, and how the products are expected to be made available to the public.

7. Methods to be used to conduct the photography and a justification that such activities will result in only taking by Level B Harassment of a marine mammal(s). A description of the effects of the proposed taking, or otherwise prohibited activity, by itself or in combination with other known or suspected taking, importation, export, or otherwise prohibited activities.

(NOTE: NMFS may determine that specific proposed underwater photography or filming activities may exceed Level B harassment. In these cases, the underwater activities will not be authorized.)

8. The application must be signed, dated and certified by the applicant as follows:

"I hereby certify that the foregoing information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this information is submitted for the purpose of obtaining a permit under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407) and regulations (50 CFR Part 216). I also understand that any false statement may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001, or to the penalties provided under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, or the Fur Seal Act of 1966, whichever are applicable."

Signature of Applicant and Date of Signature

Typed or Printed Name of Applicant

Title of Applicant

Species List: Please check list for scientific names and verification that the intended target species is not listed as threatened and endangered under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. If the species is listed as threatened or endangered, the Commercial/Educational Photography Permit is not authorized. Please contact the Office of Protected Resources for more information. The species list can be found on-line at:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/>